who catches the eye of the Speaker is called. In that, in my opinion of all the members in this House, Mr. Vinayakam has caught his eyes the most. If he still persists in the allegation, the Speaker will take his own action on that.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, . . .

MR. SPEAKER : Let the hon. Member sit down.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : On a personal explanation, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member will please sit down.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, I have never abused . . .

MR. SPEAKER : Will the hon. Member please sit down?

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : கிராமப் பகுதிகளில் இருக்கின்ற ஒவ்வொரு ஹரிஜன க்ஷேம நல பள்ளிக்கூடங்களில் ஹரிஜன மாணவர்களைச் சேர்த்துக் கொள்ளப்படும்போது அங்கே ஒவ்வொரு பள்ளிக்கூடத்திலும் தீண்டாமை கையாளப்படுகிறது என்பதை அரசாங்கம் ஒத்துக்கொள்ளுமா? அப்படி இருந்தால் தீண்டாமையை ஒழிப்பதில் அரசாங்கம் தக்க நடவடிக்கையை எடுக்க முன்வருவார்களா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : கிராமப் பகுதிகளிலுள்ள பாடசாலைகளில் தீண்டாமை கையாளப்படுமானால் அந்தப் பாடசாலைகள் மூடப்படும் என்பதை கனம் அங்கத்தினருக்குத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

Grants to fishermen to purchase steam launches.

* 304 *Q*.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisami) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether any amount has been granted to fishermen in Madras for the purchase of steam launches for catching fishes in the Madras Coast?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The Government have not sanctioned any amount for payment to fishermen for purchase of steam launches for fishing, but the Government have a scheme for supply of motorised boats to fishermen. They have sanctioned so far the construction of 31 pablo-type fishing boats fitted with marine diesel engines for lease or sale to groups of fishermen through Fishermen Co-operative Societies, at a subsidized price recoverable in instalments, in seven years. Fifteen more pablo-type boats are expected to be built during 1957–58.

White Paper on Education.

* 305 *Q*.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have given effect to the recommendations of the Committee on White Paper on Education; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) No. Sir. The Hon. Member is referred to the statement made by me on 16th July 1957, while moving the Demand for Education, that the report of the Legislature Committee would be placed in the House for discussion.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : May I know when it will be implemented, Sir?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As soon as final decisions are taken; and final decisions would be taken after the Legislature had fully discussed the matter.

Sales tax on foodgrains

* 306 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : : Will the Hon. Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount collected during the last five years by way of sales tax on foodgrains; and

(*b*) the percentage of this amount with the amount realised by the taxes on other items?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Figures of sales tax realised on foodgrains for the last three years only are available, and that too only in respect of dealers dealing exclusively in foodgrains. The figures are as follows :—

1954–55—Rs. 94,20,001.
1955–56—Rs. 60,75,958.
1956–57—Rs. 44,42,165.

Provision stores do not keep separate accounts for the value of each commodity sold by them. The above figures do not therefore include the sales tax realised on foodgrains sold by the provision stores, for which figures are not available. The figures for 1954–55 include the sales tax realised in the Malabar and the South Kanara districts and the Kollegal taluk of the Coimbatore district.

(*b*) The percentage cannot be worked out correctly as the figures furnished under clause (*a*) do not show the full amount of sales tax realised on foodgrains.

Censorship of letters, telegrams and tapping of telephone calls of the Praja Socialist Party.

* 307 *Q.*—SRI P. S. CHINNADURAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have instructed the Police authorities to censor letters and telegrams to and from the members of the Praja Socialist Party and to tap telephone calls to and from the Provincial office of the Praja Socialist Party; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Government regret that they have to decline to answer the question in the public interest.